

**CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
LONG BEACH SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

Long Beach Senior Center
1150 E. 4th Street
Long Beach, CA 90802

June 9, 2005
9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Higginson, Chair, called the meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Long Beach Senior Center.

II. FLAG SALUTE – Commissioner Yolken, Vice-chair, led the flag salute of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

III. ROLL CALL / WELCOME OF GUESTS

The following Commissioners responded to roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Patricia Bergendahl, 6 th District - Excused	Rabbi Sidney Guthman, 3 rd District
Barbara J. Bolin, 9 th District	Mary Hernandez, 7 th District
Henry Brunner, 7 th District	Nancy Higginson, 3 rd District
Rose Cabanban, 7 th District - Excused	Vivian Linderman, 8 th District
Florence Dodge, 3 rd District	Teresa Munoz, 2 nd District
Rita Ellner, 2 nd District	Lu Wall, 3 rd District
Teodoro Felix, 1 st District	Berry Yolken, 3 rd District

Staff

Belem Solis, Superintendent
Erin Wilson, Apple One Clerk

Guests

Rick McCabe, Legislative Aide
Shelley Hellen, Supervisor
Helen Barry, Senior Coordinator
Gladys Kaiser, Supervisor
Eileen Ludlam, Recreation Assistant
Ellen Brown, Recreation Assistant

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 12, 2005

The May 12, 2005 Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Minutes were revised as to the parking lot on 4th and Cerritos, to read parking lot on 4th and Bonito.

V. GUEST SPEAKER (S)

David Wodynski, Budget Management Officer, representing Stephen Scott, Administration Officer, City Managers Office

Mr. Wodynski reported on the Three-Year Financial Strategic Plan with a brief overview of the implementation and ending the City's Structural Budget Deficit. He stated how the City has been able to accomplish reductions without significant impact on public safety and emergency services. While many successes have been achieved, the remaining \$30 million in General Fund structural deficit solutions will be the most difficult to make.

He encouraged everyone to get involved, voice opinions and provide input by attending one of many opportunities, meetings and events within the next few months. For specific meeting dates and locations, and for more information on the FY05 Budget and the Three-Year Financial Strategic Plan, you can visit the following website: www.longbeach.gov/finance/budget. Alternatively, register for instant City Budget and Financial updates via the City's e-notify email notification system at: www.longbeach.gov/enotify.

VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission had no Public Discussion for the Month of June.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. The Commission received correspondence from Barbara McPhearson with an update on the concerns of rent increases.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Legislation – Commissioner Munoz

Commissioner Munoz reported on three (3) new Clean Port Environment Bills: SB760, SB762 and SB764, introduced by Senator Alan Lowenthal. Commissioner Munoz also reported on the One Million Solar Roofs Bill gaining support. If Council takes action on the plan, it will save \$5 million in the first year and will bring Solar Manufacturing to Long Beach. (Attachments)

- B. Transportation – Commissioners Bolin and Linderman

Commissioner Linderman reported on the expanded schedules for the AquaBus and AquaLink water taxis. Commissioner Linderman also distributed information on the purchase of six (6) Segway Human Transporters by the Long Beach Police Department. (Attachments)

- C. Health Care – Commissioner Yolken

Commissioner Yolken reported to the Commission of a meeting this month that will reinstate the Mobile Nurse Program with some revisions. This is collaboration between the Red Cross, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission. (Attachments)

- D. Housing – Commissioners Felix, Wall and Cabanban

Commissioner Felix read his report on No New Housing Taxes. In his report, he spoke of how Long Beach City Council is considering imposing the equivalent of a tax on new housing to pay for new low-income housing.

E. Safety and Crime Prevention – Commissioners Bergendahl, Guthman and Brunner

Commissioner Brunner reported about a Community Crime Prevention Meeting on May 18, conducted by Sargeant Cox. The meeting dealt with Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT). Commissioner Brunner encourages everyone to attend these meetings as they provide interesting insight to police and are very informative. (Attachments)

F. Quality of Life and Leisure – Commissioners Dodge and Hernandez

Commissioner Dodge reported on information regarding registration for the “Sessions for Seniors” at the University.

G. Community Relations – Commissioner Ellner

Commissioner Ellner handed out an update to the “Get Well Card, an OnFile Profile”, an online service for storing all personal health information and medical records which was originally omitted from the May 12, 2005 minutes.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Senior Resource Directory – Commissioner Lu Wall

Commissioner Wall presented the completed mock up of the Senior Resource Directory.

Commissioner Yolken will be meeting with the Director of RSVP regarding grant monies.

B. By-Laws

Commissioner Yolken reported on the By-Law revisions.

C. Strategic Plan for Older Adults

Commissioner Yolken reported that the Plan for Older Adults is to be presented at the City Council meeting on June 14, 2005.

D. Bio Form

Commissioner Linderman distributed a Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Bio Form to all Commissioners present to complete and return to Commissioner Wall within two weeks.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission in the Month of June.

X. STAFF REPORTS

Rick McCabe, Legislative Aide from Councilman Baker's office, reported that he would like to see more Council Member Reps attend the Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission meetings.

Shelley Hellen, Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at the Long Beach Senior Center. (Attachments)

Ellen Brown, Recreation Assistant, reported on senior activities and programs at the California Recreation Senior Center.

Gladys Kaiser, Supervisor, reported on the new Volunteers of America (VOA) site and senior activities and programs at the Chavez Senior Center (Attachments)

Gladys Kaiser, Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at the El Dorado Senior Center for Terri Egger who was unable to attend.

Helen Barry, Senior Coordinator, reported on senior activities and programs at the Houghton Senior Center.

Eileen Ludlam, Recreation Assistant, reported on an on-going program called "Make a Difference Day" accepting donations, on behalf of U.S. Army Soldier, Jerry Rozo, of clothes and toys for Afghanistan.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Munoz announced that Senator Alan Lowenthal will be the key speaker at the Gray Panthers Summer Party on June 11, 2005.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center. In attendance will be Commissioners Nancy Higginson, Berry Yolken, Lu Wall, and Rose Cabanban.

The General Commission meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at the Long Beach Senior Center, 1150 E. 4th Street, Long Beach, CA 90802.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Higginson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Wilson, Apple One Clerk
to Recreation Superintendent
c: Belem Solis, Recreation Superintendent of Parks Recreation and Marine